

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the section entitled, "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION" as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/342,341 (issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,765,864), entitled "TECHNIQUE FOR PROVIDING DYNAMIC MODIFICATION OF APPLICATION SPECIFIC POLICIES IN A FEEDBACK-BASED, ADAPTIVE DATA NETWORK" by Natarajan et al., filed on June 29, 1999, from which priority is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 120. That application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and for all purposes.

This invention is related to U.S. Patent No. 6,539,427, issued on March 25, 2003, naming Shankar Natarajan, Andrew G. Harvey, Hsuan-Chung Lee, Vipin Rawat, and Leo Pereira as inventors, and entitled "Dynamically Adaptive Network Element in a Feedback-Based Data Network". That application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and for all purposes.

This invention is related to U.S. Patent No. 6,505,244, issued on January 7, 2003, naming Shankar Natarajan, Andrew G. Harvey, Hsuan-Chung Lee, Vipin Rawat, and Leo Pereira as inventors, and entitled "Policy Engine which Supports Application Specific Plug-ins for Enforcing Policies in a Feedback-Based, Adaptive Data Network". That application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and for all purposes.

This invention is related to U.S. Patent No. 6,577,597, issued on June 10, 2003, naming Shankar Natarajan, Andrew G. Harvey, Hsuan-Chung Lee, Vipin Rawat, and Leo Pereira as inventors, and entitled "Dynamic Adjustment Of Network Elements Using A Feedback-Based Adaptive Technique". That application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and for all purposes.

This invention is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/342,742 (issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,973,034), filed on June 29, 1999, naming Shankar Natarajan, Andrew G. Harvey, Hsuan-Chung Lee, Vipin Rawat, and Leo Pereira as inventors, and entitled "Technique for Collecting Operating information from Network Elements, and for Controlling Network Element Behavior in a Feedback-Based, Adaptive Data Network". That application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and for all purposes.

This invention is related to U.S. Patent No. 6,584,502, issued on June 24, 2003, naming Shankar Natarajan, Andrew G. Harvey, Hsuan-Chung Lee, Vipin Rawat, and Leo Pereira as inventors, and entitled “Technique for Providing Automatic Event Notification of Changing Network Conditions to Network Elements in an Adaptive, Feedback-Based Data Network”. That application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and for all purposes.